

**§ 52.3184**

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Large .....	Average: Not more than 53 prunes per pound.
Medium .....	Average: Not more than 67 prunes per pound.
Small .....	Average: Not more than 85 prunes per pound.

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**§ 52.3184 Grades of dried prunes.**

(a) “U.S. Grade A” or “U.S. Fancy” is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size and average 85 prunes or less per pound; that meet the applicable moisture limits in Table IV of this subpart but regardless of size and kind of packaging are reasonably uniform in moisture; and that do not exceed the total allowances and limitations for defects shown in Table I of this subpart.

(b) “U.S. Grade B” or “U.S. Choice” is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size; that meet the applicable moisture limits in Table IV of this subpart but regardless of size and kind

of packaging are reasonably uniform in moisture; and that do not exceed the total allowances and limitations for defects shown in Table II of this subpart.

(c) “U.S. Grade C” or “U.S. Standard” is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size; that meet the applicable moisture limits in Table IV of this subpart but regardless of size and kind of packaging are reasonably uniform in moisture; and that do not exceed the total allowances and limitations for defects shown in Table III of this subpart

(d) “Substandard” is the quality of dried prunes that meet the applicable moisture limits in Table IV of this subpart but regardless of size and kind of packaging are reasonably uniform in moisture; and that may fail to meet other requirements for U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard, but not more than 5 percent, by weight, of the dried prunes may be affected by mold, dirt, foreign material, insect infestation, or decay: *Provided*, That not more than 1 percent, by weight, of the dried prunes may be affected by decay.

**TABLE I—U.S. GRADE A OR U.S. FANCY; ALLOWANCES FOR DEFECTS**

Total allowance	Limitations		
Not more than a total of 10 percent, by weight, may be damaged or affected by: Off-color. Poor texture. End cracks. Skin or flesh damage. <sup>2</sup> Fermentation. Scars. Heat damage. Insect injury. Other means. Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 6 percent, by weight, may be damaged or affected by:  Poor texture. End cracks. Skin or flesh damage. <sup>2</sup> Fermentation. Scars. Heat damage. Insect injury. Other means. Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 3 percent, by weight, may be affected by:  Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 1 percent, by weight, may be affected by:  Decay.

TABLE II—U.S. GRADE B OR U.S. CHOICE: ALLOWANCES FOR DEFECTS

Total allowance		Limitations	
Not more than a total of 15 percent, by weight, may be damaged or affected by: Off-color. Poor texture. End cracks. Skin or flesh damage. <sup>2</sup> Fermentation. Scars. Heat damage. Insect injury. Other means. Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 8 percent, by weight, may be damaged or affected by:  Poor texture. End cracks. Skin or flesh damage. <sup>2</sup> Fermentation. Scars. Heat damage. Insect injury. Other means. Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 4 percent, by weight, may be affected by:  Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 1 percent, by weight, may be affected by:  Decay.

TABLE III—U.S. GRADE C OR U.S. STANDARD ALLOWANCES FOR DEFECTS

Total allowance		Limitations	
Not more than a total of 20 percent, by weight, may be damaged or affected by: Off-color. Poor texture. End cracks. <sup>1</sup> Skin or flesh damage. <sup>2</sup> Fermentation. Scars. Heat damage. Insect injury. Other means. Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 10 percent, by weight, may be damaged or affected by:  End cracks. <sup>1</sup> Skin or flesh damage. <sup>2</sup> Fermentation. Scars.  Heat damage. Insect injury. Other means. Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 8 percent, by weight, may be damaged or affected by:  Skin or flesh damage. <sup>2</sup> Fermentation. Scars. Heat damage.  Insect injury. Other means. Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Not more than 5 percent, by weight, may be affected by:  Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.  <i>Provided, That not more than 1 percent, by weight, may be affected by decay.</i>

<sup>1</sup> Except that each 1 percent of end cracks to, and including, 8 percent, by weight, shall be considered as ½ percent damaged by end cracks; and any additional end cracks shall be calculated as true percentage, by weight.

<sup>2</sup> Not applicable to "Whole Pitted" style.

TABLE IV—MOISTURE ALLOWANCES FOR DRIED PRUNES

[Non-hermetically sealed containers; 10 pounds or more]

Grades	Maximum moisture limits (percent)	
	Counts averaging 60 or less per pound	Counts averaging 61 or more per pound
U.S. Grade A or U.S. fancy .....	25	24
U.S. Grade B or U.S. choice .....	25	24
U.S. Grade C or U.S. standard .....	25	24
Substandard .....	25	24

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#### MOISTURE, UNIFORMITY OF SIZE, DEFECTS

##### § 52.3185 Moisture limits.

Dried prunes shall not exceed the moisture limits for the applicable grades and kind and size of packaging as designated in Table IV of this subpart except there is no moisture limit when safe and suitable preservatives have been added. "Moisture" means